[Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar.]

15. *Education.*—The allotment for the next year is Rs 48·13 lakhs, which is Rs 1·59 lakhs in excess of the anticipated expenditure of the current year. The Committee of technical experts and businessmen who met in connection with the proposal for the introduction of a course of technological study in the State held the unanimous opinion that early steps should be taken for the introduction of the practical alternative courses recommended by the Education Reforms Committee. As the introduction of such alternative courses in all the High Schools of the State simultaneously is not practicable until sufficient experience has been gained as a result of experiment, it is proposed to make a modest beginning by opening a separate division of Form V in the S. M. V. School, Trivandrum, in the school year 1935—36 followed by a separate division in Form VI in the school year 1936—1937. These divisions will be outside the English School Leaving Certificate scheme and the course of studies will consist of the Industrial arts of wood, glass and metals, of Accountancy and Book-keeping and of Mathematics and English. The students will be apprenticed to different business concerns during their training course. A sum of Rs 4,000 is provided in the budget for this experiment which, it is hoped, will give an impetus to technical education. Provision has also been made in the Education budget for the opening of the Malayalam Honours Course in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Arts. The introduction of a State Library System has also been provided for with a view to prevent lapses into illiteracy and also to provide facilities for adult education.

16. *Agriculture and Fisheries.*—At the instance of the Agricultural Conference held at Quilon in March last, it is proposed to create a Board of Agriculture consisting of official and non-official members. The Board shall review the work of the Agricultural Department in its various stages and suggest new problems for research and devise fresh methods for propoganda work. It is hoped that the appointment of this Board will be of real use both to the department and to the public in bringing the departmental officers into closer contact with the non-official public and enabling them to discuss important questions connected with Agriculture. The Agricultural budget includes a small provision for the grant of travelling allowance to the non-official members of the Board. The opening of a Sugar-Cane Farm in South Travancore for carrying on inteusive propoganda for the improvement of sugar-cane cultivation in the State has also been provided for. It is also proposed to appoint a staff of two Marketing Officers in co-operation with the Government of India in their scheme for the improvement of marketing in India.

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17. At present the Fisheries of the State are under the immediate administrative control and direct supervision of the Director of Agriculture. But in view of the immense possibilities for the development of fisheries under closer supervision and control, it is considered necessary that the Fisheries Branch of the department should be placed under the immediate supervision of a technically qualified officer, the Director of Agriculture continuing however, to exercising general supervision. For this and for the installation, as an experimental measure, of a cold storage plant at Trivandrum for the preservation of fish, a provision of over Rs 12,000 has been included in the budget for the next year.

18. *Industries* budget includes provision for the opening of new sub-agencies at Calcutta, Poona, Karachi and Ahmedabad, as also for the continuance of the Trade Agent and the Sales Depot at Bombay. A provision of Rs 90,000 has also been made for the working expenses of the Government Rubber Factory. A receipt of Rs 50,000 is also expected from the sale of the manufactured articles.

19. *Medical.*—There is at present no Specialists' cadre in the Medical Department of the State, though the department is not wanting in Specialists in one branch or other of the Medical Science. These specially qualified officers have now to take rank along with those in the general cadre. It is, however, considered that the working of the department could be made more efficient if the Specialists are detached from the general cadre and placed in a separate self-contained special cadre created for them. An allotment of Rs 4,050 has therefore been included in the next year's budget for the necessary readjustments in connection with the creation of the Specialists' cadre of Medical Officers. The opening of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the State has been under consideration for some time past. But, as the scheme is costly, it may take some time to materialise. Meanwhile in view of the increasing number of tuberculosis patients in the State, it is proposed to open a tuberculosis hospital in the first instance at Nagercoil and a sum of Rs 12,000 is provided in the budget for the acquisition of the necessary lands. Two additional wards and a subsidiary operation theatre have recently been added on to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, to provide for the considerable increase in the number of inpatients in that institution. A small additional staff is also to be appointed to cope with the consequent increase of work.

20. *Co-operative department.*—The various reforms suggested by the Co-operative Enquiry Committee for the better working of the department will receive the attention of Government after the Committee's Report has been discussed by the two Houses of

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